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Philadelphia on January 12, 1901. On arrival at this station the crew were found well with no evidence of disease among them. As there had been no formal disinfection, however, since the occurrence of the cholera, and as the coolie deck and hospital were found tightly closed, it was decided, in spite of the five months that had elapsed since the last case of cholera, to hold the vessel for disinfection of the coolie deck, hospital, and water tanks. This procedure you sanctioned by telegram. The vessel is now undergoing sulphuring of 'tween-deck space, formaldehyding of hospital, and boiling out of water tanks. She will be pratiqued at 8 a. m., the 5th instant.

Respectfully, T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in Los Angeles, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., *March 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 3 cases of smallpox have been found in this city during the past week. The first of the 3 cases was found seven days ago—a recent arrival from El Paso, Tex.; the second case occurred four days ago, coming from Tucson, Ariz.; the third case was found two days ago, the origin of this case being unknown. Two previous cases of smallpox were reported to the Bureau by the city health officer, Dr. Powers. In all of the 5 cases the disease has been of the mild type prevalent in many localities throughout the United States; the origin of the cases has been traced in all but 1 case to Texas or New Mexico. The patients came into the city on the railroads.

Through the courtesy of the city health officer, Dr. Powers, I have seen the methods employed in handling these cases and other more common infectious diseases, and beg leave to express the opinion that there is no danger from these smallpox cases to the inhabitants of Los Angeles by reason of the thoroughness of the work of the city health officer.

Respectfully, HILL HASTINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Train-inspection service at Vanceboro, Me.

VANCEBORO, ME., *February 23, 1901.*

SIR: During the week ended February 23, 1901, I have inspected all passenger trains arriving at this point from Canada. I have found several passengers coming from the vicinity of quarantined districts, all of whom had been recently vaccinated. Since my last report, I have learned of only 1 newly-infected district in a small village about 4 miles from Memramcook. I hope to learn more definitely in a very few days, the exact condition throughout the Province, in which case I will send you a supplementary report.

Respectfully, M. L. YOUNG,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

VANCEBORO, ME., *March 2, 1901.*

SIR: For the week ended March 2, I have to report inspection of all passenger trains arriving at this point from New Brunswick. I found several passengers without baggage from the vicinity of infected districts, all of whom had been quite recently vaccinated. In reply to

questions, I learned that a portion of them, aware of the inspection at this point and dreading train vaccination, had the operation done at home because of the inspection.

Respectfully, M. L. YOUNG.
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Oregon.

PORTLAND, OREG., *March 5, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the month of February 2 cases of smallpox were reported to the local health commissioner. Neither case contracted the disease in this city, and both have been treated in the local pesthouse and are now about ready to be discharged.

I would state that smallpox is more or less prevalent all over Oregon, but as there are no State or county boards of health it is impossible to get any satisfactory reports.

Respectfully, CARROLL FOX,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Tacoma, Wash.

TACOMA, WASH., *February 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report to you that there are 6 new cases of smallpox in this city, all recent arrivals from other States. One case came from Kandiyohi County, Minn. This person informed me that there were a great many cases in that county. Another person came from Weld County, Colo. This person said that the physicians and people called it chicken pox. All these people came west on the cheap excursions that are now being run by the railroads. I have no doubt but that we will get a great many new cases from this source.

Respectfully, F. J. SCHUG,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox suspects at Savannah released.

SAVANNAH QUARANTINE, GA., *March 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the smallpox suspects removed from the steamer *Alpha* on the 14th ultimo were released on the 2d instant, their period of observation having expired. The 2 cases at the isolation camp are convalescent, and will shortly be in a condition to release.

Respectfully, WM. J. LINLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., March 3, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival of the following vessels: March 1, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Avona*, from Havana, via Cienfuegos, with sugar; no passengers; Havana bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan; Cienfuegos bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Trotter, per Acting Assistant Surgeon Lindsley. March 1, 1901, British steamship *Jessica*, from Havana, via Cardenas and Caibarien, with sugar; no passengers; Havana bill